

Council on Aging Minutes 12/09/2015

COUNCIL ON AGING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2015

Present: Council on Aging Members Irving Goldberg, Jack Jordan, Jean Noussee, Virginia McIntyre, Ernest Cornelssen, Marijo Gorney, Mary Gaffney, Council on Aging Director Lynne Waterman.

Absent: Norah McCormick, Outreach Coordinator Darlene Perkins

Chairman Irving Goldberg opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –November 18, 2015

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2015, seconded by Jean Noussee. **Vote unanimous 7-0**

Public Comments

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynne Waterman, Director, distributed her report for the month of November.

She reported she met with several leaders of various activities and she and the Activity Coordinator met with an instructor for a possible new art class. The Director met with one of the police officers to plan a future program and she and the Outreach Coordinator met with the Director of the dental clinic of the Community Health Center.

The Director thanked the DPW staff who did routine maintenance work on the van and repaired a leak in one of the tires. She also thanked them for fixing a leak in the ceiling and replacing some of the lights in the building. She reported that the annual fire alarm and sprinkler system inspection were completed as well as the stove hood cleaning and inspection.

The Director reviewed the meetings she attended: Department Head, Staff, Mashpee Cares, Human Services Committee, CIRCA, and Parkinson's' Support Network of Cape Cod.

The Director reported she along with a Council on Aging board member conducted interviews of the new candidates for the property tax work off program. She also participated in a telephone call and focus group meeting regarding the Community Health Center and Cape Cod Healthcare to discuss the unmet health needs of Mashpee seniors. She also stated that the Office Assistant sent out an email broadcast to approximately 900 members and the feedback was very positive.

The Director noted her goals were to assist the staff with the holiday gift delivery and holiday programs, finalize the property tax work off assignments and write the annual town report.

Motion: Jean Noussee moved to accept the Director's Report, seconded by Ginny McIntyre. **Vote unanimous 7-0**

Treasurer Report

There wasn't a written report, the Director discussed generally the expense side of the operating budget.

Outreach Coordinator Report

In the absence of Darlene Perkins, Outreach Coordinator, the Director distributed the Outreach Coordinator Report for November.

The Director reviewed the report and highlighted the home visits, office appointments and telephone calls. The brown bag program had 30 participants with 5 volunteers helping. The Outreach Coordinator is meeting monthly with volunteers. Ten Mashpee residents turned 90+ and received flowers.

The Outreach Coordinator attended several meetings: Outreach Coordinators meeting, Protective Services Training, The Aging Process for Dementia and Alzheimer's Training, Brown Bag tracking Training.

The Outreach Coordinator's goals are planning holiday gift giving, implementing Mail Box Sticker program and increasing number of brown bag participants.

Motion: Ernie Cornelssen moved to accept the Outreach Coordinator's Report, seconded by Marijo Gorney, vote unanimous 7-0

Volunteer Coordinator Report

The Director distributed the Volunteer Coordinator Report for the month of November. She highlighted the Volunteer Coordinator enrolled new volunteers and is continuing to follow up on those who have indicated they are interested in volunteering on the membership sheet.

She noted the last workshop of 2015 for volunteer training was held on November 4 with volunteers who drive people to doctor's appointments. The Outreach Coordinator updated the volunteers regarding the policies related to driving and drivers discussed situations that they have faced. The Volunteer Coordinator has been making preparations for the gift deliveries during the holidays.

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to accept the Volunteer Coordinator's Report, seconded by Jean Nousse. Vote unanimous 7-0

Activity Coordinator Report

The Director distributed the Activity Coordinator Report for November and highlighted several programs: Pet Food Drive, Coffee Talks, Scams and Fraud and Identity Theft, AARP Safe Driving Class, Social Dining Around, How to Remember Not to Forget, Ask A Pharmacist. Pillow Case. She said the Mashpee Tribe invited another group of Mashpee Seniors to tour their Tribal Center. She also reported that the TOPS group celebrated its first successful year of meeting at the senior center which will continue into the new year.

Motion: Ernie Cornelssen moved to accept the Activity Coordinator Report, seconded by Marijo Gorney. Vote unanimous 7-0

Old Business

None

New Business

The Director distributed "The 2015 United States of Aging Survey National Findings. They did a survey with professionals who work with elders and elders themselves. The members reviewed the survey and had a brief discussion.

The Director spoke about Life Re-Imaged which is a program sponsored by AARP and recommended the members visit their website.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Daigneault
Recording Secretary